

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Councilor Austin offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

Council President Barnett stated that former City Councilman Robert Henderson has recently been elected to serve on the Johnson County Council and has resigned from the City Council. A caucus will be held to fill the vacancy sometime next month.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 5, 2015 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all Old Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing(s)

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-01 An Additional Appropriation for the CDBG Flood Buy-Out in the amount of \$125,000.00 – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Senior Planner Myers stated that this was presented at the last meeting, and was being presented tonight for public hearing and approval. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-02 An Additional Appropriation for the Disaster Relief FEMA Buy-Out in the amount of \$375,000.00 – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud, and opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Senior Planner Myers stated this was presented at the last meeting. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all New Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introductions

Common Council Resolution No.: 15-03 A Resolution by the City of Franklin Common Council Approving and Adopting a Safe Routes to School Master Plan – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. City Engineer Underhill gave an overview of this resolution. Mr. Underhill stated that the Franklin School Corporation adopted this plan at a recent school board meeting. Mayor McGuinness stated this includes all elementary schools, the intermediate school and the middle school. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 15-01 An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Engine Compression Brakes – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Senior Planner Myers stated that with the addition of the truck route this was brought forward to help with regulating this issue. City Attorney Gray stated this would be in effect as you enter and exit the city. Ms. Myers stated this had been reviewed by legal counsel and is presented for introduction only tonight and will be brought back for adoption at the March 2, 2015 meeting.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 15-02 An Ordinance Repealing & Replacing Ordinance No.: 10-16 – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. The Mayor stated this was tabled by the Board of Works meeting earlier this evening and he asked the Council to table the discussion as well. Council President Barnett made a motion to table, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The matter was tabled.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-03 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for Non-Tax Supported Funds - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander presented the proposed additional appropriation ordinance of non-tax supported funds. A discussion was held. The proposed ordinance will be advertised for a public hearing March 2, 2015.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-04 An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-10 Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2015 (Civil City) - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated this ordinance is presented because of an employee title change. This will be set for public hearing during the March 2, 2015 meeting.

Councilor Wertz suggested that non-elected RDC members should be compensated \$600.00 per year, the same that other groups of this type are getting paid. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained that currently there is not a budget for RDC member compensation and that it would require an ordinance allowing the City to pay the RDC members from the General Fund as they may not be paid from the TIF fund.

Other Business

Request to Void Two Year Old Checks Outstanding and Unpaid - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander presented a list of stale dated checks. The State Board of Accounts (SBOA) requires that that Clerk Treasurer obtain authorization from the Common Council to cancel these types of checks and to remove them from our outstanding records. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilor Wertz stated the next Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17th at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor McGuinness stated he would be giving the “State of the City” address at 6:00 p.m., February 10, 2015 at The Artcraft. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that Year End Reports & Appropriation Reports had been provided to all Council Members at their seat tonight.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 02/10/2015

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer